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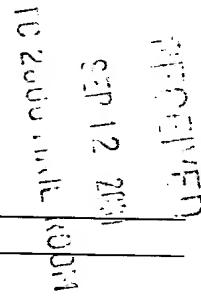
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Title: SPLICE PROTECTION SYSTEM

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.99, Applicant submits the references listed on the enclosed PTO form 1449. Copies of these references are enclosed. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the application, in compliance with the continuing duty of candor as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

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